

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, from which applicant notes that the previous final rejection has been withdrawn on the basis of new issues.

However, applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 12, 14, 20, 22 and 24 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in either independent form or made dependent from an allowable main claim.

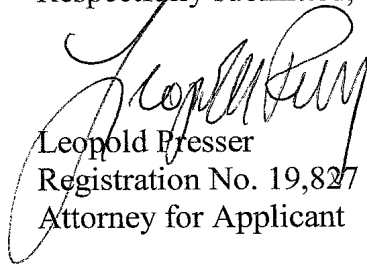
Accordingly, in order to clearly and unambiguously place the application into condition for allowance, while meeting the Examiner's requirements, applicant has cancelled Claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer and incorporated the limitations thereof into Claim 10, thereby setting forth an allowable independent claim, which incorporates the limitation of allowable Claim 12.

Furthermore, minor amendment has been implemented to correct a typographical error in line 3 of Claim 10, wherein the term "tray device" should read --tray body--.

Furthermore, the remaining claims, which were previously dependent from cancelled Claim 12, have been either amended so as to be dependent from amended Claim 10, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of Claim 12, whereas the previous duplicate claims, Claims 20, 22 and 24 have been cancelled, inasmuch as the subject matter of these claims is represented in, respectively, Claims 19, 21 and 23.

Accordingly, inasmuch as all of the claims are deemed to be directed to allowable subject matter and have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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